



Alternate Channel

The newsletter for and about the members of the
LOUDOUN COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SYSTEM

MARCH 2005



Second Annual Senior Leadership Conference—2005 Faculty

Left to Right/Top Down: Richard Miller, Public Safety Solutions; Joseph Pozzo, Chief, LCFR; Jim Clem, Board of Supervisor; Byron Andrews, Chief 15; Pat Brandenburg, Deputy Chief, LCFR; Doug Rambo, Commission Chair; Mary Maguire, Assistant to the Chief, LCFR; P.J. Azzolina, President 15; Bill Lyden, R&R Committee Chair; Tisha Umbel, Risk & Insurance, Loudoun County; Tina Borger and Donnie Legg, Purchasing, Loudoun County.
 Additional photographs throughout the newsletter.

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Date:

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Example:

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Ian Buchanan
- Co. 2 Rick Reaves
- Co. 3 Edna Algie-Hoppes
- Co. 4 Jack Frear
- Co. 5 Jim Reed
- Co. 6 Lauren Law
- Co. 7 Jeannie Cooper
- Co. 8 William D. Schwartz
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- Co.10 Frank Fitchett
- Co.11 David Short
- Co.12 Mike Senate
- Co.13 Marie Householder
- Co.14 Sue Johnson
- Co.15 Wilma Grant
- Co.16 Jim Dunagin
- Co.17 Rodney Krone, Jr.



COMPANY NEWS

Company 1 News:

The new officers are:

Chief-Marty Mantell

Assistant Chief-Paul Earley

Deputy Chief-Tom Goss

Captain 1-Ian Buchanan

Captain 101-Wayne Whetsell

Lieutenant 1-Chris Krueger

Lieutenant 101-George Delalian

Lieutenant 102-Marc Timbrook

Lieutenant 103-Joe Neiberger

Chief Engineer-Steve Earley

Point Coordinator-Rick Etter

President-Gary Gaither

Vice President-Rick DiZerega

Secretary-Rick Etter

Treasurer-John Kobus

BOD: Tom Downs, Pete Comanduras, Brian Dequitner, Tina Earley and John Pumphrey.

Company 4 News:

The Round Hill Volunteer Fire Department held it's annual Awards and Officer Installation banquet on Saturday, January 15, 2005.

Supervisor Jim Clem was the keynote speaker for the event and the new line and administrative officers were sworn into duty.

Awards were presented including: Firefighter of the Year to Nick Bamburak, Rescue Member of the Year to Jack Frear and Member of the Year to Janet Maurer.

Members who ran the most calls received awards as well. Fire call top runners were: Brett Cunningham, most calls; followed by Nick Bamburak, Tim Lasher, Jack Frear and Dave Porter.

Rescue call top runners were: Jack Frear, most calls; followed

by Kathleen Kuzma, Fred Muller, Nick Bamburak and Dusty Kuzma.

Company 6's Volunteer Spotlight

This month I had the opportunity to sit down and chat with Melvin Byrne, a true veteran volunteer of the Ashburn Village Fire and Rescue Department. His service spans 31 years and includes being chief, president, captain, treasurer, secretary and a member of the board of directors.

With a resume such as that, I thought I'd feel overwhelmed, but Melvin is such a "down to earth" real person, that after only a few minutes, I felt I had known him many years. It became apparent to me that one of his pleasures was reminiscing about the good old days when Stuart Weller asked him to join the fire department and when Partlow's store had the fire alarm hooked up to it's roof. He also remembers fondly, the day, during his tenure as chief, the department bought its first ambulance.

Melvin recalls a Thanksgiving Day in 1995 when he responded to a fire alarm. A house, under construction, caught fire when a propane tank exploded. The fire then spread to 2 consecutive houses, the last, of which, was his cousin's. All was well as the fire was put out quickly and no lives lost.

Today, Byrne coordinates fire training for all of northern Virginia. He is also an EMT teacher. His master's degree from Oklahoma State Uni-

versity in public policy helped prepare him for his job with the Virginia Department of Fire Programs.

Byrne was raised on a dairy farm which his father ran in the Broadlands. At 23 he built a home on Stubble Road, just down from the firehouse. His family includes 2 sons, 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren.

His message to all the volunteers is, "Have fun." And don't forget that you are there to provide a service, keep it world class. It is a dangerous job, Be Safe; your family wants you to come home when the shift is done.

Submitted by Lauren Law, Co. 6

Welcome Home is a project which works as an effort to keep our soldiers comfortable while defending our country away from home. Your contributions of toiletries and underwear would be greatly appreciated. Just stop by the front entrance of the Ashburn firehouse and drop your items in. This effort will continue until our soldiers are brought back home.

**2005
Valor Awards Banquet
Tuesday, March 29th
1130 -1400 hours
Lansdowne Resort**

**LOUDOUN COUNTY'S
WEB SITE ADDRESS**

www.loudoun.gov

APRIL 2005

Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meetings of the Loudoun County Fire & Rescue System

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Companies 1,3,5,6,11,16	5	6 Companies 13 & 17	7 Company 15	8	9
10 Company 14	11 Companies 2,7,8,9,12 BLS Committee	12 Rescue Chiefs	13 Company 10 R&R Committee	14	15	16
17	18 Company 1 ALS Committee	19 EMS Council	20 Fire Council	21	22	23
24	25 Companies 4 & 8	26 Fire-Rescue Commission	27	28	29	30

Notice of Change

Reports of injuries/illnesses are now to be submitted to Safety Officer Bob Swarthout at the Department of Fire-Rescue Services.

E-Mail Bob at rswartho@loudoun.gov for initial notification within 24 hours of injury/illness. Further information was sent to the stations.

FIRE-RESCUE SCHEDULED TRAINING

VDFP Trench Rescue
March 5 & 6, 2005

Emergency Vehicle
Operators Course II & III
March 8, 10, & 12, 2005

N. Va. Regional Fire
Officers Seminar
March 12 & 13, 2005
Fairfax County Gov't Ctr.

Aerial Driver Operator
March 15-26, 2005

Firefighter II
March 15-June 18, 2005

AHA CPR-Healthcare
Provider
Class #3 March 26th



VDFP Confined Space
April 2 & 3, 2005





EVOC Training Held

On February 19th and 20th, Sterling Volunteer Rescue Squad conducted EVOC Class II training. This training was lead by Chris Horan of SVRS and supported by Chief Mickey Buchanan and Tom Lusk of Sterling Volunteer Fire Company. About 20 students from SVRS and SVFC participated in the training.

Submitted by David Short, Co. 11

78th Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival

The festival will be held April 26th through May 1st, 2005. The dates and times for the Firefighter's Activities are:

Saturday, April 2, 2005

2:00 p.m.-Out of Town Honorary Fire Chief Contest

7:00 p.m.-In Town Honorary Fire Chief Contest

Thursday April 28th-5:00 p.m.-
Firefighters' Reception at Shentel Tent, Winchester Medical Center

Friday, April 29th-5:00 p.m. Firefighters Parade (Application deadline for Parade is the first Monday in March)

The Firefighters' Handbook will be sent to you at a later date. If you have any questions or need additional information please call the Festival office at 540-662-3863.





MARCH-JUNE 2005 Virginia Course Schedule

MGT 310 Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD): Threat and Risk Assessment Local Jurisdiction

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Mar 1 – 3	READI – Ashburn, VA
Mar 30 – Apr 1	Winchester Medical Center

MGT 313 Incident Management / Unified Command for WMD/ Terrorism Incidents

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Mar 8 – 10	READI – Ashburn, VA
Mar 29 – 31	Fairfax Criminal Justice Academy
June 14 – 16	Fairfax Criminal Justice Academy
June 21 – 23	Prince William County Criminal Justice Academy

MGT 390 Hospital Emergency Management: Concepts & Implications of WMD Terrorist Incidents

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Mar 19	READI – Ashburn, VA

PER 225 Law Enforcement Response to WMD – Operations Level Train-the-Trainer

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Mar 2 – 4	READI – Ashburn, VA

Please try to register 2 weeks prior to course start date. To register please send an email to readi411@gwu.edu and be sure to include the course title, course date, your name, title, agency, address, phone and email address. Be sure to list the course title in the subject line of the email. For any questions regarding registration, please email readi411@gwu.edu or call (703)726-3700. For more information, please visit us www.readi.gwu.edu. For any other questions, call the READI office at 703-726-3700.



Jason Goodman and Christine Ranson of Ashburn VFD Co. 6 start to dress out in Level B HazMat at the WMD Complexities Incident Response course offered through READI at the Washington Convention Center on January 30, 2005. The 8 hour training course covered the topics of chemical, biological and radiological weaponry with hands-on training on the equipment and instrumentation involved with responding to these types of WMD incidents.



Ice/Cold Water Rescue Training

By Kevin T. Stiles, LCFR

The winter season is coming to a halt and we successfully managed to escape the perils of ice/cold water rescue emergencies. The County of Loudoun has a mixture of ponds, streams, and creeks where citizens unknowingly brave the hazards of walking across frozen water to add an element of danger into their lives. Sometimes the citizens are successful and never have the scare of falling through frozen ice. Sometimes the ice breaks from under their feet and they plunge into the frigid waters. Embarrassed and shocked, they manage to escape the ice and walk home without the need for fire, rescue, or emergency medical services assistance. Unfortunately, not all ice emergencies end with the victims pulling themselves free and making it home for warmer clothing. The emergency response system is activated and your services are requested. What do you do now?



Rescuer makes contact with a victim who has fallen through the ice.

Responding to an Ice/Cold Water Rescue emergency is not the time to determine, "what should we do now." Take advantage of training opportunities in your community and continue to practice with the equipment that you may be required to use. I would like to thank Marie Powell and the membership of the Loudoun County Volunteer Rescue Squad. Without the use of your ice/cold water rescue suits, this training would not have been possible. Thank you!

On two separate occasions in January 2005, Loudoun County Fire & Rescue (LCFR) Career and Volunteer staff of Arcola-Pleasant Valley Volunteer Fire Department practiced Ice/Cold Water Rescue Training.

The training scenarios were designed to give the members an appreciation for the hazards involved, initiate self-rescue procedures, making victim contact while applying independent buoyancy, and applying slings for removing the victim from the water.



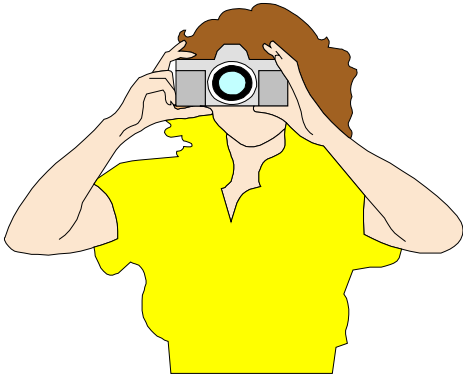
Rescuer uses ice awls for self rescue from the water/ice hole.

**NEED VOLUNTEER
ARTICLES & PHOTOGRAPHS**

**Send to Frankie at Fire & Rescue Services
or
E-MAIL ARTICLES TO: frust@loudoun.gov**

**Please Advise
New Members How
To Obtain Fire-Rescue
Photo ID Cards**

The only responsibility of the volunteer is to have their photograph taken by the Communications Division staff. They need to call the Communication's Center at 703-777-0637 prior to coming to the center to ensure the dispatchers are not too busy. Please give the new member directions to the Training Center. They will not receive your card at that time. The ID cards will be processed and sent to the company President for distribution. Thank you!



In the Line of Duty

Potomac River, January cold
An 0558 phone call awakens
Crew sleepless, friends anxious
A Medevac helicopter crash
Only one survivor
"Please, let it be him."

Starved for details
Nothing new – pilot still missing
I disbelieved until they showed
his name
Two days searching his watery
grave
He is found, strapped in his
cockpit

A Vietnam pilot
He survived war
Seven times shot down
Four churches served as landing
sites
And he continued to fly
Two Purple Hearts named him
hero

For Sterling Rescue
he was a friend before you knew
him
He loved to tell his stories
to his family of emergency re-
sponders

There was no patient he couldn't
reach
He was a natural

As news followed, a family re-
quested
a leading presence of Sterling
Rescue
A flag closed his casket
Media cameras showed uniforms
and pallbearers
his crew, his friends, my husband
taking care of their own

He gave the ultimate service
in the line of duty
A pilot without error
with no church this time to break
his fall
So he flies now with angel's
wings and prayer
God hold you Joseph Schaefer

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